

Padgett House
Lower Alloways Creek, Salem County, New Jersey

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Owner: Theodore Smith

Date of Erection: About 1735

Architect:

Builder: May have been a member of the Stretch
family

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brick

Exterior walls - brick
(frame section not included
in description)

Interior walls - lath and
plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - present roof
pitch, earlier roof gambrel

Historical Data:

It is not known who built this house; the name Padgett comes from Ephraim Padgett who owned it in the late nineteenth century. He died in 1892 at the age of eighty. Before his day, the property was owned by Benjamin Irelan who had purchased it in 1824 from Joseph Stretch. It is generally supposed that

it was built by one of the Stretch family because they owned the land upon which this house stands in Pre-Revolutionary days.

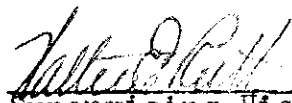
The date of erection is not definitely known. There are similar types of houses standing which have the same kind of brick work and this has caused the date 1735 to be arbitrarily assigned.

The most interesting feature of the house is the criss-cross glazed brick on the sides. The sides indicate that the original roof of the house was gambrel rather than the present pitch.

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